

# **Dejoynay Ferguson pleads guilty to murder, abuse at Bear daycare facility**

A New Castle woman has pleaded guilty to Murder by Abuse First Degree, 6 counts of Child Abuse First Degree, and 2 counts of Child Abuse Second Degree.

Following an extensive investigation by the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit and the Delaware Department of Justice, a grand jury indicted Dejoynay Ferguson in July for the repeated abuse and murder of a child, and the abuse of four other children in her care at a daycare facility where she was employed.

Ferguson's plea includes an acknowledgement of guilt for the murder, along with the other abuse alleged in the State's indictment. She will be sentenced by a Superior Court judge at a date to be determined, and faces 27 years to life in prison.